

REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the Official Action mailed on August 23, 2004, the shortened statutory period for a response being set to expire on November 23, 2004. Claims 1-4, 6-10, 12-14 and 16-24 are currently pending in the application.

I. Claim Amendments

Initially, Applicants wish to point out that several claim amendments have been made to clarify the scope of the invention. To each of the independent claims, Applicants have added the additional limitations that when the second connector portion engages the at least one first connector portion, there is a simultaneous attachment between the device body and main body, as well as an electrical connection between the at least one first and second connector portions, and when the second connector portion is disengaged from the at least one first connector portion, there is a simultaneous detachment of the device body from the main body, as well as an electrical disconnection of the second connector portion from the at least one first connector portion. Applicants contend that the claim amendments are fully supported by the specification, and that no new matter is added. See Paragraphs 17-18, 28, and 33.

II. § 102(e) Rejections

The Examiner has rejected all of the currently pending claims in the application under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,577,337 ("Kang"). The Examiner contends that Kang teaches all of the elements of independent claims 1, 13, 18 and 23, as well as the corresponding dependent claims. As will be explained in further detail herein, Kang does not teach or suggest Applicants' claimed invention.

Applicants' claimed invention teaches that the connector portion of the electronic device is complementary to a connector portion on the electronic apparatus, such as a monitor, so that the need for intermediate cables or the like is unnecessary.

Furthermore, when the connector portions of the electronic device and main body are engaged, there is a simultaneous electrical connection between the first and second connector portions and attachment of the main body of the electronic apparatus to the body of the electronic device. The attachment of the device body of the electronic device to the main body of the electronic apparatus will not occur simultaneously with the electrical connection between the respective connector portions when there are intermediate connectors, such as cables or the like, between the respective connector portions. Configurations utilizing intermediate cords or cables require that the cords or cables are first connected to the respective connector portions. Only then are the electronic devices capable of being mounted and secured. In this regard, the structure of Applicants' claimed invention provides for greater ease in connecting and mounting electronic devices.

Contrary to the Examiner's assertions, the alleged "direct connection" between the connector portions of the monitor and electronic devices allegedly taught by Kang is not the same type of direct connection disclosed or defined by the Applicants' claimed invention. Kang does not teach or suggest that it is possible or desirable to provide complementary connector portions in the manner taught by Applicants' invention. Indeed, Kang does not teach or suggest that the camera 500, speaker 700, or microphone 600 have connector portions located on their respective bodies that are capable of being directly engaged with corresponding and complementary connector portions on the monitor. Furthermore, Kang does not teach or suggest that once the first and second connectors are engaged there is "a simultaneous attachment between the main body and the device body and an electrical connection between the at least one first connector portion and the second connector portion." The Kang specification merely discloses that the electronic devices can

be electrically connected to the monitor, and provides no description or teaching that such connections can occur without the use of intermediate cables or the like.

Furthermore, the drawings of Kang do not support the deficiencies in the written description. The Kang drawings illustrate that the electrical device are mounted and somehow connected to the electronic apparatus. However, none illustrate the at least one first connector portion being adapted to directly engage the second connector portion of the electronic device complementary connector portions on the electronic apparatus and electronic device "so that when the second connector portion is directly engaged with the at least one first connector portion, there is a simultaneous attachment between the main body and the device body and an electrical connection between the at least one first connector portion and the second connector portion, and when the second connector portion is disengaged from the at least one first connector portion, there is a simultaneous detachment of the device body from the main body and an electrical disconnection of the second connector portion from the at least one first connector portion." Thus, the drawings provide no additional support for the Examiner's position.

As it is believed that all of the rejections set forth in the Official Action have been fully met, favorable reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited. If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that she telephone applicants' attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which he might have.

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If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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